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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the health care providers included in the
2 volunteer health care provider program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 135.24, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 1. The director shall establish within the department a
1 4 program to provide to eligible hospitals, clinics, free
1 5 clinics, or other health care facilities, health care referral
1 6 programs, or charitable organizations, free medical, dental,
1 7 ~~and chiropractic, pharmaceutical, psychological, social work,~~
1 8 ~~behavioral science, podiatric, and physical therapy services~~
1 9 given on a voluntary basis by health care providers. A
1 10 participating health care provider shall register with the
1 11 department and obtain from the department a list of eligible,
1 12 participating hospitals, clinics, free clinics, or other
1 13 health care facilities, health care referral programs, or
1 14 charitable organizations.
1 15 Sec. 2. Section 135.24, subsection 2, paragraphs a, c, and
1 16 d, Code 2005, are amended to read as follows:
1 17 a. Procedures for registration of health care providers
1 18 deemed qualified by the board of medical examiners, the board
1 19 of physician assistant examiners, the board of dental
1 20 examiners, the board of nursing, the board of chiropractic
1 21 examiners, the board of psychology examiners, the board of
1 22 social work examiners, the board of behavioral science
1 23 examiners, ~~the board of podiatry examiners, the board of~~
1 24 ~~physical and occupational therapy examiners,~~ and the board of
1 25 pharmacy examiners.
1 26 c. Criteria for and identification of hospitals, clinics,
1 27 free clinics, or other health care facilities, health care
1 28 referral programs, or charitable organizations, eligible to
1 29 participate in the provision of free medical, dental, ~~or~~
1 30 ~~chiropractic, pharmaceutical, psychological, social work,~~
1 31 ~~behavioral science, podiatric, or physical therapy services~~
1 32 through the volunteer health care provider program. A free
1 33 clinic, a health care facility, a health care referral
1 34 program, a charitable organization, or a health care provider
1 35 participating in the program shall not bill or charge a
2 1 patient for any health care provider service provided under
2 2 the volunteer health care provider program.
2 3 d. Identification of the services to be provided under the
2 4 program. The services provided may include, but shall not be
2 5 limited to, obstetrical and gynecological medical services,
2 6 psychiatric services provided by a physician licensed under
2 7 chapter 148, 150, or 150A, ~~dental services,~~ or services
2 8 provided under chapter ~~148A, 149, 151, 154B, 155A, 154C, or~~
2 9 ~~154D.~~
2 10 Sec. 3. Section 135.24, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
2 11 2005, is amended to read as follows:
2 12 b. Provided medical, dental, ~~or~~ chiropractic,
2 13 ~~pharmaceutical, psychological, social work, behavioral~~
2 14 ~~science, podiatric, or physical therapy services~~ through a
2 15 hospital, clinic, free clinic, or other health care facility,
2 16 health care referral program, or charitable organization
2 17 listed as eligible and participating by the department
2 18 pursuant to subsection 1.

2 19 Sec. 4. Section 135.24, subsection 5, Code 2005, is
2 20 amended to read as follows:
2 21 5. For the purposes of this section, "charitable
2 22 organization" means a charitable organization within the
2 23 meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
2 24 which has as its primary purpose the sponsorship or support of
2 25 programs designed to improve the quality, awareness, and
2 26 availability of chiropractic, dental, ~~or~~ medical,
2 27 pharmaceutical, psychological, social work, behavioral
2 28 science, podiatric, or physical therapy services to children
2 29 and to serve as a funding mechanism for provision of
2 30 chiropractic, dental, ~~or~~ medical, pharmaceutical,
2 31 psychological, social work, behavioral science, podiatric, or
2 32 physical therapy services, including but not limited to
2 33 immunizations, to children in this state.
2 34 Sec. 5. Section 135.24, subsection 6, paragraph b, Code
2 35 2005, is amended to read as follows:
3 1 b. "Health care provider" means a physician licensed under
3 2 chapter 148, 150, 150A, or 151, a physician assistant licensed
3 3 and practicing under a supervising physician pursuant to
3 4 chapter 148C, a physical therapist licensed to practice
3 5 physical therapy pursuant to chapter 148A, a podiatrist
3 6 licensed to practice podiatry under chapter 149, a licensed
3 7 practical nurse, or a registered nurse licensed pursuant to
3 8 chapter 152, a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant
3 9 registered or licensed to practice under chapter 153, a
3 10 psychologist licensed pursuant to chapter 154B, a social
3 11 worker licensed pursuant to chapter 154C, a mental health
3 12 counselor licensed pursuant to chapter 154D, or a pharmacist
3 13 licensed pursuant to chapter 155A.
3 14 EXPLANATION
3 15 This bill adds to the definition of "health care provider"
3 16 under the volunteer health care provider program, physical
3 17 therapists and podiatrists. The bill also makes conforming
3 18 changes to the section of the Code establishing the volunteer
3 19 health care provider program to include physical therapists
3 20 and podiatrists and other already existing providers under the
3 21 program.
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